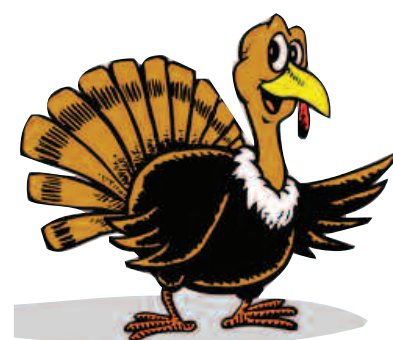


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What we can do...

- Undertake precautionary salting on the pre-salting network when there is a risk of ice or snow
- Clear the routes of snow accumulation in priority order
- Keep the public informed through the media
- Undertake work on the motorway or trunk roads, as

these are the responsibility of the Highways Agency

- Salt all highways
- Keep roads free of ice and snow all of the time

What you can do...

- Prepare your vehicle for winter
- Check the weather forecast and road conditions before travelling
- Allow extra time for your journey
- Give gritters and snow ploughs plenty of room to operate
- Carry a shovel and blanket in your vehicle

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL

New look for Crewkerne crier

ANYONE who was in Crewkerne town centre on Friday December 2nd may have noticed the familiar figure of town crier David Craner, in a not so familiar outfit.

Since taking office Mr Craner has been re-researching the history of the crier in Crewkerne and recently discovered there had indeed been criers in the past.

He said: "I was told there had never been a crier here before and spoke to several local historians. I knew that William the Conqueror had declared that every important town would have one and Crewkerne was an important town with the mint and everything.

"I went to the Taunton archives office and spent hours going through the microfiches. I found two names, one was Joseph Male in 1845 and the other was Reuben Lacey in 1875 who lived at Popleswell. I put an article in the press to see if anyone could shed any further light on these and a lady contacted me who was a relative of Reuben and is living in Hinton St George. She sent me a photo copy of the front page of her family bible with his name in it but unfortunately there was no photograph.

"I researched the 19th century town criers and this outfit matches the period quite accurately. They would have had either a top hat or a bicorn hat and I already had a top hat.

"I will go on with my research and hope that more information comes to light, it would be wonderful if there is a photograph out there somewhere of one of the originals."

The lady who contacted Mr Craner was Jane Clemas who has been doing her own genealogy research since the 1980s.

She said: "I came to Taunton from Bristol when I was ten and have been in Hinton for about nine years. My husband and I found we both had family from the area and started to look into it which is very interesting but takes a lot of time.

"My father's side came from Bower Hinton. The family Bible was handed down and had been presented to Reuben in Crewkerne. A lady had left money for Bibles to be given out and he had written in it himself. I know some of his children were married in Merriott Church, but there is a lot of research to do. I want to go to the heritage centre in Taunton to see some original records, there is a certain amount you can find online but the trouble is you don't know if what people have posted is true, you really need to see the original records."

Anyone who may have more information on the history of town criers in Crewkerne can contact Mr Craner on 01308 455733.



Local family saves jobs

by Marion Draper

WHEN they heard that the Cyclelife shop in Market Street, Crewkerne, was about to close brothers Charles and Richard Swaffield stepped in to take over the business and save the jobs of the two employees.

The well known car mechanics who run the family business, J H Swaffield and Sons in East Street said they had thought about expanding into car parts for some time. They already had a large fronted showroom which had been used to house vintage cars for many years which has proven the perfect space, with a wide door and no step.

Barry Hayden and Tim Featherstone, the familiar faces in the shop have been kept on to run it and were very grateful not to have lost employment so close to Christmas.

Mr Featherstone was on honeymoon when he knew the company was to be sold and did not know if he would have a job to come back to. Mr Hayden, who is a keen mountain biker himself, is also planning to marry in the near future. He said: "This move has been really good for us and we are looking forward to expanding the range. This is a good position, easily identifiable as people know Swaffields and so far it has been going well."

Charles Swaffield remarked: "We didn't want to see another business close in the town and East



■ **HAPPY TO BE HERE:** Tim Featherstone and Barry Hayden - business as usual at the new Swaffield Cyclelife

Street needed tidying up. We have been going since the 1920s and this is the first time we have branched into auto spares."

The new Swaffields Cyclelife, now in its third week, stocks the same range of bicycles and spares and motor accessories as before but will be

expanding the motor parts side and the brothers look forward to their new venture being a real asset to their existing business in the town.

Crewkerne news

Planning application

THE ongoing discussion of the Crewkerne link road and key site development to the east of the town will once again be coming to the table of the South Somerset District Council Area West Committee.

Following an in-depth report from English Nature regarding the possible impact on wildlife, particularly dormice, the committee must decide whether to agree the revised planning application for the major development of the green site.

If the resolution is to permit the application the next stage will be to refer the application to the Government Office for the South West. Whilst GOSW consider the application, further discussions regarding the apportioning of planning gain contributions will continue.

The Area West meeting will be held at the Henhayes Community Centre on Wednesday, December 14th from 5.30pm.

Talk to police

POLICE Posts will be held today (Friday, December 9th) in Falkland Square, Crewkerne, from 10.30am until 12.30pm and tomorrow (Saturday, December 10th) at North Perrott Garden Centre from 10.30am until 11.30am.

This is an opportunity for anyone who may have concerns, who requires crime reduction advice or would just like a chat to go along and speak to one of the Crewkerne Beat Team.

Saturday shopping

CREWKERNE shoppers will be able to park for free for two Saturdays in December. South Somerset District Council's Area West Committee has organised free parking on Saturdays December 17th and 24th to encourage more shoppers to visit the towns in the run up to Christmas and as a boost to traders.

Councillor Angie Singleton, Area West chairman said: "We hope that lots of people will take advantage of these two free parking days and support local shops by doing their Christmas shopping in Crewkerne."

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■ **IT'S OFFICIAL:** Zoe Coghlan, new headteacher with some of the Merriott First School pupils

Headteacher appointed

MERRIOTT First School was delighted to announce the appointment of their new headteacher, Mrs Zoe Coghlan, who had been the acting headteacher of the school since the departure of Mrs Wellman in 2010.

Mrs Coghlan, who has taught at Merriott for the last ten years, stepped into the breach when the previous head was transferred at short notice to a headship in Chard, but still had to undergo the nail biting application process. During this time, Merriott First School was very pleased to achieve a good with outstanding aspects report from Ofsted. She was a popular choice and was awarded the post after a rigorous recruitment drive.

Mrs Coghlan said: "I am absolutely delighted to become headteacher of Merriott First School. This is a wonderful school within a very friendly and welcoming community. The children are a delight and I am very excited to work with staff, parents and the community to build upon the work already completed, to take Merriott First School into a bright and successful future."

Emma Sale, chairman of governors, commented: "We are very pleased to have been able to make such a good appointment and look forward to continuing to work successfully with Mrs Coghlan in the future".

Lopen Mistletoe Fayre supports heroes again



■ **THANKS FOR THE HEROES:** Nick George and Lopen villagers present the donation to Richard Lupton of Help for Heroes at the war memorial in All Saints' churchyard

FOR A second year running the Mistletoe Fayre held at All Saints Church, in Lopen, raised a phenomenal sum for a small village event

It was coordinated by Jackey and Nick George

and Angela Naunton. Davies. They topped last year's total by nearly £200 and achieved £1,366, half of which will go towards the 13th century church and its schoolroom buildings

while the other half was presented to Help For Heroes.

Somerset fundraiser for the charity, Richard Lupton, a former officer in the Territorials, appropriately received the donation from the fayre organisers, next to the war memorial in the ancient churchyard.

Over refreshments inside the church hall, he chatted to the villagers about the work of the charity which has been building specialist battle back centres for the rehabilitation of injured service personnel. The centres will be run by the Royal British Legion and some of the questions were about the collaboration between the two charities.

Mr Lupton reminded the worthy fundraisers that all the money they donated would go to benefit the injured, as all administrations costs for the charity were covered by their sales of merchandising.

He thanked the villagers once again for their generous support and praised their effort which has joined the £120million now raised in total since the charity was founded in October 2007.

The fayre organisers would like to thank everyone who contributed to the pre-Christmas sale and villagers and visitors who supported it by spending their hard-earned cash.



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■ **FAMILY ADVERT:** South Petherton Junior School Parent Teacher Association members David Lee and Lindsay Mackenzie with James Lee and Faith and Rebecca Mackenzie drumming up trade for the school Christmas fair today, December 9th from 3-5pm.

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Local gym gets champion's approval

by Marion Draper

SCOTLAND'S Strongest Man paid a visit to Crewkerne Aqua Centre last weekend, when the weight lifting athlete went to use the facilities, whilst visiting family in the area.

At only 23, five feet 11 Ken Nowicki is the youngest man to have won the title, managing to break the Scottish record for the overhead axle lift at 160kg, in July. He was also placed second when he represented Scotland at the UK Strongest Man competition in August.

Regular user of the gym at the Aqua Centre, Jim Hedges, who lives at Hardington Mandeville, knew his celebrity nephew was flying down for his grandmother's 85th birthday and asked if it would be alright if he could bring him along to keep his training up at the local facility.

Staff at the Aqua Centre were more than happy to welcome the guest member and show him their state of the art machinery. Mr Nowicki, who usually trains at Strathclyde University where he recently graduated with a degree in chemical engineering, was pleased to meet deputy manager Denis Glover and Ash Sartin, lifeguard and gym instructor who weighed him in at nineteen and half stone on the day of his visit. The free weights were no challenge for the strongman; the heaviest in the Crewkerne gym being only 30kg but they were enough to use for repetition work and he was impressed with the gym and keen to try the computerised system, which he had not come across before.

He explained to the interested staff that his normal training regime was two hours a day, four times a week,



■ TRYING FOR SIZE: Gym instructor Ash Sartin, Jim Hedges and nephew Ken Nowicki - Scotland's Strongest Man, Crewkerne Aqua Centre deputy manager Denis Glover

breaking it into cardio work twice a week then weight lifting once a week and strongman training once a week. His favourite of the strongman competition challenges was carrying the atlas stones (giant stone balls) which he said he was still perfecting. To keep up his energy and nutrition necessary for the body building work, he has to eat

six to eight times a day and although admitted his favourite food was steak, he said he more often had to eat chicken as steak tended to slow him down.

Mr Hedges, somewhat more lithe than his nephew, preferring cardiac exercise to body building, said he was extremely impressed with the Aqua Centre.

He said: "I come here three or four times a week and have used a number of gyms in my time and this is by far the best one. I am not just saying that, this is truly a community gym; the volunteers are marvellous and the staff are fantastic in terms of the support they give.

"It's not just here for people like Ken, it's for the whole community. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning they have cardiac rehabilitation sessions here and do a fantastic job of giving hope and life back to people, it is truly all embracing."



Council takes on running of voluntary transport

CREWKERNE Town Council will be taking over the administration for voluntary transport after an appeal for a new voluntary transport manager to take over from Mike Studley, bore no fruit.

The community service which runs two minibuses, one with 15 seats and one with 11, both with lifts for disabled access, will be run from the Community Office in the Town Hall from early next year.

Both buses are driven by volunteers and for use by groups of people but not for individual travel.

They vehicles are also available for private hire by family parties or groups, when not booked for community service.

When a new dedicated telephone line for the service has been installed at the Town Hall, the number will be advertised, but until then please continue to ring Mike Studley on 01460 77242.

If you have a story or a photo for the Somerset Weekender newspapers please call Marion Draper on 07771 641506 or email marionsview@aol.com



Tree planting for the future

■ BEING GREEN: Volunteers and members of Crewkerne Town Council planting native trees in Bincombe nature reserve

CREWKERNE Town Council's property and projects officer Jed Dunn was pleased to have extra help to plant trees in the Bincombe nature reserve for National Tree Planting Day. The weather was positively mild compared to last year when there had already been snow on the

ground. Mr Dunn commented: "I've got 12 volunteers here today which is a great improvement on last year when it was just the two of us, and some of them have brought saplings too. It's a lovely day, last year the weather was bitter but the ground was surprisingly good."

The cheerful group, which included members of the town council, planted about 40 trees, all deciduous native species which will provide good habitat for wildlife and help improve the environment in general for years to come.

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Bethlehem comes to Tatworth School

TATWORTH School were one of the first to start the Christmas play season with their traditional Nativity year one and two production, Three Kings, which was held in the school hall.

The older children will be performing the classic tale, Scrooge at Cricket St Thomas with the Mayor of Chard, Councillor Cathie Morrison in the audience.



New technology comes to Somerset buses

SMARTCARD electronic ticket reading machines are bringing new technology to public transport in Somerset and speeding up boarding times.

Holders of free bus passes, issued by Somerset County Council, will be the first to take advantage of the upgrade.

Microchips already inside cards for the English National Concessionary Travel scheme will allow pass holders to scan their cards when they get on the bus. It means drivers will no longer have to issue paper tickets and journeys will be logged electronically.

The first buses in the county fitted with the machines are those operated by Stagecoach and First Avon and Somerset

as part of multi-million pound national investments. Stagecoach activated its machines on its Somerset routes in September. First is expecting to do the same this month.

Also joining the smartcard technology investment are the 11 Somerset-based bus companies. SCC was part of a joint bid that secured £640,000 to bring smartcard technology to small and medium operators in the south west. With the Somerset share of the grant totalling £184,000, a council contribution of £80,000 and an investment by the companies themselves, these operators could also install the electronic card readers next year.

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Another job well done for shoebox volunteers

ON THEIR journey for the 21st year, shoeboxes full of gifts for poorer children, collected by adults and children from the Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster area, went on their way on Friday December 2nd.

Collections coordinated by Pamela Hodge, Eliza-

by Marion Draper

beth Bilham and Jon Swift were sorted, checked and packed by their army of volunteers at their new warehouse in Chard.

A total of 11,743 shoeboxes were loaded for Bosnia, with the help of

members from the Ilminster and District Lions Club, Chief Petty Officer Adrian Burton and Petty Officers Glenn Chapman, Michael Whitfield and Jules Barlow from Royal Naval Air Station Yeovil-

ton and Matthew Anderson from Brecknell Willis who volunteered his forklift skills.

The three coordinators would like to thank everyone who was involved in this year's shoebox appeal with special thanks to those in Ilminster and Chard who have been

working silently throughout the year; knitting and crocheting hats, scarves and mittens, and turning video cassette boxes into pencil cases. They also wanted to particularly thank the volunteers who checked the boxes at the new warehouse, most travelling from Ilminster to Chard to do so and, of course, everyone who made up a box or donated items to fill one. Without the generosity of the public and the work of the volunteers the appeal would not be possible.

Operation Christmas Child was started by a father of four, Dave Cooke from Wrexham in 1990, after he saw the horror of the abandoned children in Romanian orphanages on television. He launched an appeal which raised £60,000 and enabled the charity to be established. In 1994 they built an orphanage in Cluj Romania, and medical aid was sent to Rwanda. Since then shoeboxes have gone to Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, Kenya, Rwanda, Russia, Romania, Hungary and Albania.

In 1995 Operation Christmas Child merged with the Christian organi-

sation, Samaritan's Purse which launched the shoebox appeal in other countries. This connection made some people question the Christian basis of the charity, who are clear that no religious material is allowed to be put into the boxes; they must only contain educational equipment such as pencils and

notebooks, sweets, clothing, toiletries and toys.

Since then shoebox numbers nationally, have grown year on year with well over a million reaching 14 different countries and to keep up with the times, they launched a web page where people can pay to have a box filled on their behalf.

Operation Christmas Child volunteers will be starting their collections of small items to fill next year's boxes in the new year and ask that anyone who would like to contribute, remembers to keep hold of any unwanted small gifts, such as cracker toys this Christmas to save them for a shoebox.



■ NAVY HELPERS: CPO Adrian Burton and POs Glenn Chapman, Michael Whitfield and Jules Barlow



■ VOLUNTEER FORKLIFT: Matthew Anderson from Brecknell Willis



Gold standard guest

□ **INSPIRING THE YOUNG:** Olympic Gold Medallist Steve Batchelor with the U13 girls hockey team at Perrott Hill School

PERROTT Hill School welcomed Olympic Gold Medalist Steve Batchelor for the opening of their new all-weather hockey surface.

The school in North Perrott has a very successful under 13 girls hockey team who recently came eighth in the Independent Association of Prep Schools national hockey finals.

Mr Batchelor won his medal at the 1988 Seoul Olympics in Men's Field Hockey and a bronze medal in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles in field hockey. He gave an inspirational talk to all the students about his experiences and let them hold his medals and, after cutting the ribbon on the new surface, gave some coaching to the team.

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■ CHRISTMAS WISH: Kate Cullum with Father Christmas in South Petherton

Successful bazaar for Lions

ILMINSTER and District Lions Club reported a very successful and well attended annual Christmas Bazaar, held at the Blake Hall in South Petherton.

Many local organisations and clubs attended and were very pleased with the funds they raised, including Joan Olds from the Ilminster RNLI, the Rotary Club of Crewkerne, who were selling their ever popular potted hyacinths and local Rainbows and Brownies.

Father Christmas had gone along to give them a hand and was out in the street talking to children. He kindly posed for a photograph with nine year old Kate Cullum who said she was a keen collector of the Sylvanian family characters and hoped for some more this Christmas.

The Lions themselves were selling traditional fare, mistletoe, holly and pheasant and ran two raffles, one for a case of wine provided by club members and the groceries for a Christmas meal, which were donated by local South Petherton businesses, and won by Mr P Stratford of South Petherton and Mr R Taylor of Chard. Winners of the chocolate Santas were Katie Williams from Ilminster and Helen Wood from Swanmead School.



■ FEELING FESTIVE: Members of the Ilminster and District Lions Club at their annual bazaar

Choir spreads some festive cheer



■ SPREADING THE JOY: St Bartholomew's School choir with staff and residents at The Orchards nursing home

RESIDENTS at The Orchards nursing home in Crewkerne were entertained by the choir of St Bartholomew's First School who visited on Tuesday to spread a little Christmas cheer.

Directed by teacher Alice Samuels, the children started with some of their favourite contemporary songs but followed by When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney. The programme moved on impressively to Silent Night both in English and German which brought smiles from many of the residents and few managed to join in with Away in a Manger and White Christmas, while one lady began conducting to the angelic singing.

Activities coordinator Diana Bryant thanked the choir for coming and congratulated them on their lovely singing and offered the children some refreshment before they left.

The visit by the children was just part of the Christmas activities organised by the staff for the residents, who will also be enjoying a visit from the choir at Maiden Beech Academy and a mini bus ride out to see the Christmas lights in Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster.



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Inspirational lady honoured at Misterton WI

MISTERTON Women's Institute paid tribute to one of their longest standing members at their December meeting.

Anne White had decided to retire from being an officer in the club at the age of 80. She has been a member of Misterton WI for 64 years, during which time she was president on several occasions, treasurer once (her least favourite job) and of late, secretary for 13 years. Mrs White will remain a member of the club and stay on the committee in an advisory role and said she had enjoyed every minute of it.

Mrs White was described as an "inspirational lady" by her peers who said what she doesn't know about the WI wasn't worth knowing.

She was instrumental in the purchase of their hall in 1968, organising a fundraising team to achieve the grand sum of £1,000 needed to purchase what had previously been the Men's Club. She also persuaded her father to part with some land to enable the addition of a kitchen and toilet block, and again fundraised for the £750 to pay for the building work.

Misterton WI, which was established in 1920, is still one of the few in the country to own its own hall which is regularly used by other groups for a reasonable fee.

by Marion Draper

The ladies were all in festive humour with mulled wine and a vast buffet ahead after their business which was delayed by ten minutes when a bat was discovered in the hall. The lights were dimmed and after a few dozen circles, the visitor left through the front door.

Mrs White was presented with a cosy throw as a thank you and her husband Jeffrey, an honorary member of the club due to his regular help at events, was presented with a gold medal in the form of a giant chocolate coin on a ribbon.

The couple said they had been very surprised and delighted at the presentation and one of their favourite memories was of taking part in the Crewkerne carnival, at its height in the eighties.

Mrs White said: "The shield we won was a loo seat for the most colourful float when we were all dressed as clowns."

Mr White added: "My favourite was when they were all in nightdresses with a great big bed and one of the local solicitors jumped in the bed with them. I won't say his name, but plenty will know who it was."

After their tasty repast, the ladies enjoyed accordion playing by Dennis Samways.



THANKS TO ANNE: Jeffrey and Anne White, (seated centre) cornerstones of Misterton WI, with most of the members.

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■ HOME GROWN ART: Amanda Khan-Davis and Pat Ambrose, two of the artistic group using an empty shop in Falkland Square Crewkerne

Artists step up to fill empty spaces

A GROUP of artists and artisans from the Crewkerne area have taken over one of the empty shops in the town centre for the Christmas period to sell their work and add some festive spirit to cheer up the area.

Calling themselves Home Grown Art, the group were put together by Amanda Khan-Davis from Hinton St George who was approached via the Somerset Arts Week event, to gather some talented people and put an empty

site to good use at the former dry cleaners in Falkland Square.

The high quality work ranges from her own drawings and textiles to computer generated art, photography, paintings and more traditional crafts such as felting and stained glass. Some of the artists are already established, others like Pat Ambrose who excels in quilting, had never tried direct selling before. She was amazed when her re-useable textile crackers sold so well, she had to go

back to her machine.

Other makers involved are: Alan Williams; Ian Ambrose; Amy Huskinson; Karen Dupe; Pauline Rowle; Chris Holmes Studley; Linda Green; Paul Green; Maureen Cutler (upholsterer) and Kat Khan-Davis.

Home Grown Art will be open until just after Christmas, 9am until 1pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Fridays 9am - 5pm and Saturdays 9am until 2pm.

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CUNARD	Queen Victoria	19-Oct-12	23	Southampton	Caribbean - NO FLYING	£2,249	\$1,300
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'Truly beautiful' result at tree festival

by Marion Draper

NOW firmly set in tradition in its fifth year, the festival of Christmas trees in St Mary's Church, Ilminster, grew in size again this year.

Minster churchwarden John Robson who delights in organising the event every year said: "We are up to 53, it was 45 last year. There are more individual families who have joined in and Cornhill Wines and Bonners butchers are new additions, along with the Christmas Lights committee. It was chaos in here on Sunday while we were setting up, you couldn't move but the result is truly beautiful."

Traditionally the mayor has attended the official opening of the festival by the Reverend Alastair Wallace but she was unable to attend this year. However the new headteacher of Swanmead School, Mark Walker, went along with four of his pupils to see what it was all about. He was disappointed not to have been aware of the event in time to organise a tree from the school, but said they would definitely

take part next time. A party from Greenfylde First School were also early visitors to the festival on Monday morning.

The Reverend Wallace said: "This is a truly wonderful achievement, there are more than ever considering we started with 21 five years ago, which reflects how much the community have taken it to their hearts."

"We had over 2,000 visitors through the doors for the festival last year and the charities all benefited well from donations. The imagination that goes into the preparation of the trees means they are all so different. I want to give a strong word of thanks to John who oversees the whole thing and makes sure the steward rotas are up together. This shows what a great community we have here and hopefully it can continue for many years."

The trees which took over the ends of the pews for the week, were all of similar size but the variety in their decoration could not be more diverse, from thought-provoking bare sticks to remind people of disaster struck lands, to hand written messages and crafted decorations by



■ **MY FAVOURITE:** Charlie Berrington said he liked all the little people on the town council exhibit



■ **HELPING MUM:** Jack Lines made decorations for Ilminster Child Minders

children of all ages. Charities ranged from local groups to military and national relief, each having its own collection tin

under the tree.

The festival will be open today (Friday) from 9am until 5pm and tomorrow, (Saturday, December

10th) from 9am until 4pm, when it will taken down ready for Christmas services in the Minster.



■ **OFFICIAL OPENING:** Minster warden John Robson, Swanmead headteacher Mark Walker and pupils with the Reverend Alastair Wallace



■ **RECYCLED THEME:** Greenfylde First School pupils and staff with their tree raising money for Shelter



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come together and celebrate the great work that is happening in the wedding industry".

She added, "As well as saying congratulations to all the winners and runners up, I want to thank everyone who helped make this a success and am so pleased to announce that during the event we raised nearly £500 for Cancer Research, a charity close to the hearts of many at the event. This really was a team effort and I just can't wait to start organizing the 2012 awards".

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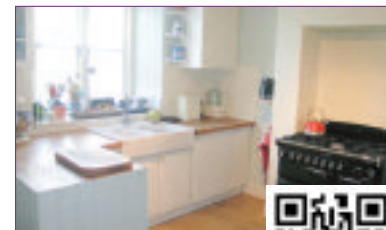
- Kitchen & Utility/Cloakroom
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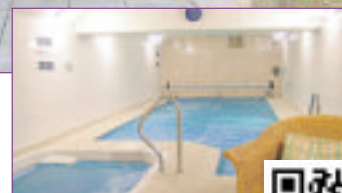
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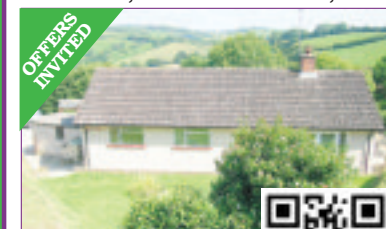
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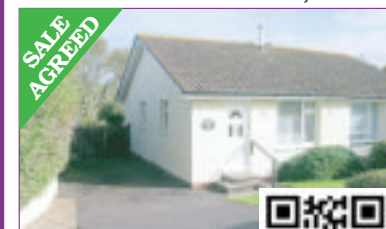
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The musicians in question are PJ Wright, Gerry Conway, Phil Bond Dave Pegg and the singer is Steve Gibbons. As The Dylan Project, they present an exhilarating tribute to the work of arguably the greatest post-war songwriter in the English language.

The Dylan Project's repertoire spans the whole of Dylan's oeuvre – everything from Highway 61 to Mississippi – and new material is frequently brought into the setlist. Whether you are a diehard Dylan fan or just enjoy great songs performed with flair and brio, The Dylan Project will take your breath away.

The David Hall's Pete Wheeler says: Last with us two years ago, this fantastic band is guaranteed to ensure the music of Bob Dylan will never die. This is not a 'Tribute Band' but a band which plays as a trib-



ute the music of arguably the greatest songwriter and artist of all time. What a great gig just a week before Christmas!

The Dylan Project play at South Petherton's David Hall on Saturday, December 17th at 8pm.

Tickets, costing £17 (full) or £16 (concessions) can be booked and paid for via the website www.the-davidhall.org.uk. They can also be purchased at N & D News, St James Street, South Petherton and reserved by calling 01460 240 340 or by e-mailing box-office@thedavidhall.org.uk

Local opera star Belinda Evans returns to Martock for special concert

Going Out Gigs

BELINDA Evans, born and raised in Ash, Somerset, obtained a Vocal Diploma at the Welsh College of Music and Drama following a BA(Hons) Music Degree from Bath Spa University College, where she studied with Ian Comboy. She now studies with Laura Sarti and lives in London, working as a freelance singer and teacher of singing.

This year Belinda appeared as Mimi in the Opera up Close Olivier Award-winning production of La bohème at the Soho Theatre in London's West End and then sang Fiordiligi in Così fan Tutte with the Savannah Philharmonic, USA. Last autumn she sang Rosina in the Opera up Close follow up production of The Barber of Seville. This summer she returned to the Westcountry as Frasquita in the New Devon Opera production of Carmen.

Recent Operatic roles include Micaela in the Opera Novella production of Carmen, Musetta with New Devon Opera, La bohème, and Rosina in The Barber of Seville for Opera UK. She created the role of Lily in

a new Fairytale Opera The Woodcutter's Daughter at London's Grimeborn Festival.

In 2008 she sang Fiordiligi in Così fan tutte, for both Opera UK (UK/Ireland Tour), and Opera by Definition (Opera House, Tunbridge Wells).

Belinda is thrilled to be returning home to Martock for an evening of popular arias and Christmas favourites on Thursday, December 22nd at 7.30pm. Adult tickets cost £8 on the door or £7 in advance, and children under 14 tickets cost £4 and are available from Martock Gallery and Martock news, or by calling 01935 822706. Win and soft drinks will be available before the concert and in the interval. The concert is in aid of St Margaret's Hospice, Yeovil, and the Martock Guardians.

Forthcoming events include African Sanctus at Colston Hall, Bristol next March.

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Reg Meuross and Jackie Oates to play Midwinter Concert in Crewkerne

DON'T miss the fourth Midwinter Concert at St Bartholomew's Church, on the Friday before Christmas, which is becoming a Crewkerne tradition. The church is pleased to welcome back the local singer songwriter Reg Meuross who will again be joined by fiddle player Jackie Oates.

Tickets, £10 and £5 (under 14) can be obtained from the Town Hall, or by phoning Geraldine Clotworthy 01460 76058 or geraldine@clotworthy.co.uk. Seats will be unreserved, so come early for a good view.

The concert is again being promoted by the Friends of Crewkerne Parish Church, in aid of repairs to the church roof. It promises to be an evening of high quality entertainment by performers with a national reputation. There will be a bar, raffle and mince pies. This is also the opening day of the Christmas Tree Festival which will add to the seasonal atmosphere.

The Midwinter Concert at St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne takes place on Friday, December 16th at 7.30pm.

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Restaurant Specials Menu

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Cranberry Relish
A Salad of Oak Smoked Duck Breast
Marinated Baby Figs in Rum Syrup
Chilli Fried Lyme Bay Squid
Rocket Salad, Lime and Coriander Mayonnaise

oOo Main Course

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oOo Desserts

Vanilla Panna Cotta - Café Curls, Chilled Berry Soup
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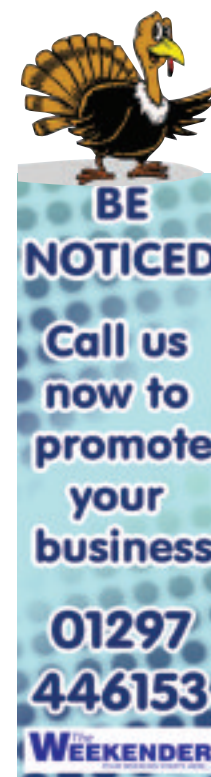
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FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH & SATURDAY 10TH

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

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CREWKERNE: Christmas decoration making - create some decorations for your tree. £5 a child. At Crewkerne Museum, Market Square. 10am - 1pm, ages 5-9 welcome. To book your place and more details, please call 01460 78078 or 07841 913103.

CHARD: Stage4Kidz Christmas Showcase at the Guildhall at 3pm. For more details visit www.stage4kidz.co.uk

CREWKERNE: Tea/coffee with a cake £1.50, at Henhayes Community Centre from 10am - 12noon. Open to all.

HORTON, NEAR ILMINSTER: South Somerset Branch of the Embroiderer's Guild meeting. Talk by Elza Tancheva-Burdge on the subject of Bulgarian Traditional Textiles. Followed by members 'Bring & Share' Christmas buffet lunch. For more details call 01460 261241.

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CREWKERNE: Carol Service at the Baptist Church, North Street from 6.30pm. All welcome.

DONYATT: Craft and Produce Market and Big Breakfast at Donyatt Village Hall. From 9am - 12noon.

MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH

MISTERTON: Misterton Tennis Club Christmas Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.45pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great Christmas prizes, tea/coffee and a raffle.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 13TH

CHARD: Open Mic Night from 7.30pm at The Gallery. An opportunity for musicians and singers to share their talent!

CHARD: Film Night at The Chard Guildhall 7.30pm "JIG" A fly on the wall film documentary about the competitive world of Irish Dancing. Meet for pre-cinema drinks and nibbles at The Gallery from 6.30pm

MOSTERTON: Mosterton Gardening Club at the Village Hall (on a3066) at 7.30pm. The award-winning photographer Colin Varnell will be showing his slides on "Dorset Gardens". Visitors always welcome. Admission £2 (includes refreshments and raffle).

MERRIOTT: Christmas Bingo (by candlelight) in the Tithe Barn. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm, refreshments available. Everyone welcome. In aid of church funds. Telephone 01460 72704 for more details.

CHARD: Reception Class Nativity at 10.30am in the School Hall.

CREWKERNE: Social Group for older more frail people,

who still like a laugh and a chat, at Henhayes Community Centre. Lunch £5.50 with a cup of tea/coffee. Quiz/Bingo. Transport available. 10am - 2.30pm. Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH

CHARD: Nursery Christmas at 10am. Sing-a-long in the Burrow.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at the Henhayes Community Centre, 2.30pm to 4pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 15TH

CREWKERNE: Over 50's Keep Fit (and have a laugh) at the Henhayes Community Centre 10am - 11am. £3 session (members £2).

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

MERRIOTT: For the 3rd year "An evening of Classical music with Carols" presented by students from the London Royal Academy of Music London, includes works by Bach, Debussy, Dohnanyi and more at the All Saints Church Merriott, to raise funds for the Church Roof Appeal (Lead Theft). This is a repeat of a very successful event with mince pies and mulled wine being served from 7.00pm and the concert starting at 7.30pm. Reserved tickets (£6) advised contact Paul or Julia Fisher 01460 76360 after 6pm or on 07870404631, or purchase from Osborne Butchers, Broadway, Merriott, or Personal Services Store, Hinton.

ILMINSTER: Christmas Concert by Serenade Community Choir at Ilminster Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Adults £5, children 12 and under £2. Includes light refreshments. Tickets from Minster Pharmacy or call 54275

CREWKERNE: Country Market at the Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne... 9am - 11.30am. All fresh local produce. Vegetables, cakes, bread, flowers and much more.

DECEMBER 16TH - 20TH

CREWKERNE: Christmas Tree Festival at St Bartholomew's Church. Free entry to festival, light refreshments available. All welcome. Open 9.30am-4pm Friday, 9.30am - 6.00pm on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, and 11.30am to 3.00pm Sunday (between Sunday services).

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH

ILMINSTER: Seasonal concert of songs, carols and stories from the West Country, with Stanchester Quire, at Ilminster's Minster Church. 7.45pm. Tickets £6 from the The Minster Pharmacy or Ian Sherwood 01460 54952. Proceeds in aid of Romanian Children's Charity.

CREWKERNE: Oscars Carnival Club Vinyl Night Disco at Crewkerne Sports Club, Henhayes. Tickets are being sold at £2.50 each, all proceeds are going to the Carnival Club fund. Tickets available from Mad Shave, Ian Pendlebury, Paul & Be Power, Kim Rendell, Jackie Strong, Oscars Wine Bar.

CREWKERNE: Tea/coffee with a cake £1.50, at Henhayes Community Centre from 10am - 12noon. Open to all.

HINTON ST GEORGE: 'Ad Hoc' Exeter based chamber choir return by popular demand to perform 'A Ceremony of Carols', by Benjamin Britten with harp accompaniment, at Church of St George at 7.30pm. Also a Christmas cracker of contemporary carols and classics. Proceeds to church restoration fund. Tickets £5 including light refreshments from Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Rooms.

MERRIOTT: Christmas Bingo at Merriott Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.45pm. Draw and refreshments available. In aid of Harlequins Carnival Club.

MONDAY DECEMBER 18TH

ILMINSTER: Christmas Quiz at the Shrubbery Hotel, starting at 8pm. Teams of 4-6, £1 per person. In aid of Harlequins Carnival Club.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20TH

CHARD: Christmas Quiz for Christmas Lights at The Gallery. 7.30pm start.

SATURDAY JANUARY 7TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Heritage Centre Monthly Coffee Morning 10am-12noon. Lifts available, all welcome.

Going Out Film

This week's new releases

PUSS IN BOOTS ^U

YEARS before meeting Shrek and Donkey, the adorable but tricky Puss in Boots must clear his name from all charges making him a wanted fugitive. While trying to steal magic beans from the infamous criminals Jack and Jill, the hero crosses paths with his female match, Kitty Softpaws, who leads Puss to his old friend, but now enemy, Humpty Dumpty. Memories of friendship and betrayal enlarges Puss' doubt, but he eventually agrees to help the egg get the magic beans. Together, the three plan to steal the beans, get to the Giant's castle, nab the golden goose, and clear Puss' name.

Voice work by Antonio Banderas (Puss In Boots), Salma Hayek (Kitty Softpaws) and Zach Galifianakis (Humpty Dumpty).



NEW YEAR'S EVE ^{12A}

THE lives of several couples and singles in New York intertwine over the course of New Year's Eve. All star cast includes Michelle Pfeiffer, Zac Efron, Robert De Niro, Halle Berry, Ashton Kutcher, Jon Bon Jovi, Katherine Heigl and Sarah Jessica Parker.

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ANOTHER EARTH ^{12A}

ON the night of the discovery of a duplicate planet in the solar system, an ambitious young student and an accomplished composer cross paths in a tragic accident. Stars William Mapother and Brit Marling.



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Hugo in 3D ^U
Daily: 14.20, 20.00
The Thing ¹⁵
Daily: 19.10, 21.30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn part 1 ^{12A}
Fri, Sun-Thu: 13.00, 15.40, 18.20, 21.00
Sat: 13.00, 18.20, 21.00
Arthur Christmas in 3D ^U
Daily: 13.10, 15.30, 18.10
Happy Feet 2 in 3D ^U
Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.20
Sat & Sun: 10.20, 12.40, 15.20
My Week With Marilyn ¹⁵
Fri, Sun-Wed: 20.40
Hugo in 2D ^U
Fri, Sun-Wed: 17.10
Arthur Christmas in 2D ^U
Daily: 14.10, 16.30
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.50
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked ^U
Sat & Sun: 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 15.00, 17.00, 19.00
Puss In Boots in 3D ^U
Daily: 14.30, 16.40, 18.50, 21.10
Plus Sat & Sun: 10.10, 12.20
Another Earth ^{12A}
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.20, 16.00, 18.30, 20.50
Sat & Sun: 16.00, 18.30, 20.50
Puss In Boots in 2D ^U
Daily: 13.30, 15.40, 18.00, 20.10
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.20am
New Year's Eve ^{12A}
Daily: 14.50, 17.40, 20.30
Plus Sun: 12.10
The Adventures of Tintin: Secret of the Unicorn in 2D ^{PG}
Daily: 17.50, 20.20
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Fri, Mon-Thu: 18.00
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Daily: 15.45, 20.15
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Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Hugo in 3D ^U
Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.45, 19.45
Sat & Sun: 16.30
My Week With Marilyn ¹⁵
Fri-Wed: 21.00
New Year's Eve ^{12A}
Fri, Tue-Thu: 16.00, 18.45, 20.30, 21.20
Sat & Sun: 12.45, 16.00, 18.45, 20.30, 21.20
Mon: 18.45, 20.30, 21.20
Puss In Boots in 2D ^U
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 16.15, 18.25
Sat & Sun: 11.45, 14.00, 16.15, 18.25
Tue: 18.25
Puss In Boots in 3D ^U
Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.15, 17.30, 20.00
Sat & Sun: 10.45, 13.00, 15.15, 17.30, 20.00
The Adventures of Tintin: Secret Of The Unicorn in 3D ^{PG}
Sat & Sun: 12.00
The Smurfs in 2D ^U
Sat & Sun: 10.30am
The Thing ¹⁵
Fri, Mon-Thu: 18.15, 21.10
Sat & Sun: 21.10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn part 1 ^{12A}
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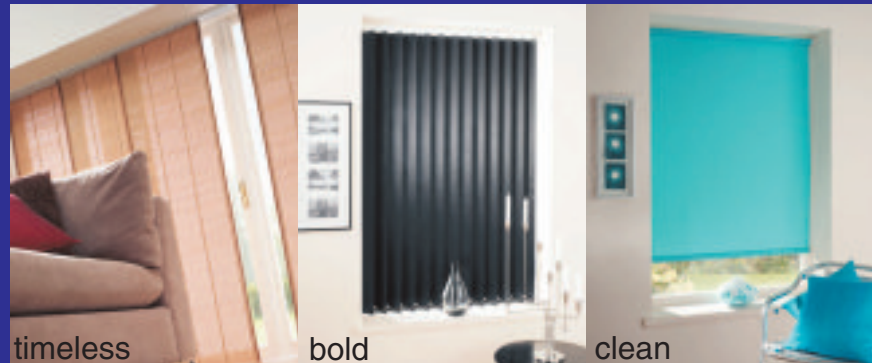
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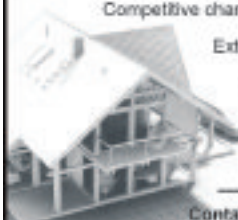


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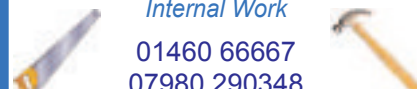
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Don't give winter tyres the cold shoulder

AS temperatures plummet across the whole of the UK, TyreSafe is urging motorists to 'warm' to winter weather tyres to stay safe on the roads.

Following one of the warmest autumns on record, winter has now arrived and with it air temperatures, which are crucial to how a tyre per-

forms, have plunged. When temperatures drop below seven degrees Celsius the tread compound in 'normal' summer tyres begins to harden, changing their performance and reducing road safety.

However, with a higher content of natural rubber in their tread compound and advanced silica com-

pounds, winter tyres function at their best in these cold damp conditions and are able to provide better grip, shorter stopping distances and overall improved safety.

Indeed, in tests conducted by the British Tyre Manufacturers' Association, a car braking at 60mph on a wet road at

five degrees Celsius stopped five metres shorter, equivalent to more than one car length, when fitted with winter weather tyres. In icy and snowy conditions the differences were even more dramatic. At 30mph on snowy roads the difference increased to eight metres and on icy roads at just 20mph, the difference increased to nine metres.

Data from the Met Office* further supports the argument for drivers switching to winter tyres. Its latest average climate figures for the UK show that for three months of the year, the maximum temperature is below seven degrees Celsius and for eight months of the year, the minimum temperature is also below this key threshold.

While snow and ice present an obvious hazard to drivers in terms of steering, acceleration and braking, there is also a hidden danger that can

dramatically affect the performance of tyres.

"We all remember the particularly harsh winters we've had in last two years, but it's not just these extreme wintry conditions that present dangers for drivers. Cold, damp roads can be just as hazardous and should be treated with the upmost respect. Fitting winter tyres is the safest option as they provide extra grip in these types of conditions, making driving much safer," said Stuart Jackson, chairman, TyreSafe.

"Although winter tyres can be used all year round, they should be especially considered for fitment from October through to March when they come into their own and help reduce the risk of an accident. Normally, the temperature barely creeps above seven degrees during this entire period, especially in the morning and evening rush hours when the

roads are at their busiest," said Stuart Jackson, chairman, TyreSafe.

Motorists who decide not to fit winter weather tyres can still carry out tyre checks to lessen their chances of being in an accident. Tread depth should be inspected to ensure that it easily exceeds the legal minimum requirements of 1.6mm across the central three quarters of the tyre, around its entire circumference. The tyre should be checked for any cuts, bulges or embedded objects and tyre pressures should be checked at least once a month or before a long journey.

Further information about the benefits of fitting winter tyres can be found by visiting the TyreSafe website at www.tyresafe.org. Included on the site is a video demonstration which clearly shows the added safety benefits of winter tyres.



▲ Temperatures in the UK barely rise above seven degrees...

The fast and the curious

SIXTY-two per cent of young male novice drivers think they are more skilful than the average driver, according to the IAM's latest report, *The fast and the curious: young people's attitudes to driver training*. Only 32 per cent of young women say the same.

Young, novice drivers are the highest risk group on our roads, and male drivers between 17-29 are more than twice as likely to be killed or seriously injured as young female drivers*. Thirty per cent of car occupant fatalities are drivers aged 17-24, or passengers of a driver aged 17-24, yet this age group makes up only eight per cent of all driving licence holders.

The report also highlights the fact that young drivers are much more likely to take post-test training if there are proper financial incentives – reduced insurance premiums would encourage three-quarters of young novice drivers to consider further training.

IAM chief executive Simon Best, speaking at the IAM's annual lunch today, said: "Young male drivers suffer from a lethal combination of overconfidence and inexperience. They don't need curfews and other restrictions on their driving; they need to practice and gain driving experience safely."

"There are many paying thousands of pounds a year in insurance and killing themselves. The solution to this problem is to link driver training and insurance discounts."

But this training needs to be done early. Fewer miles driven since passing the practical driving test and fewer attempts to pass the practical driving test (more likely to be a first time passer) make drivers more likely to be positive about further training.

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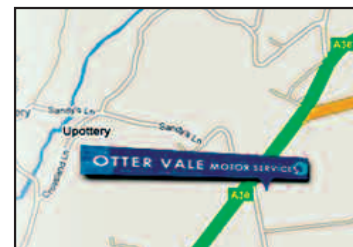
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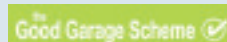
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JACK HIGH BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Ilminster trio picked for county

CHARD with Penny Herrick.

TWENTY four members, 12 men and 12 ladies, of Chard Bowling Club took part in last Saturday's "Battle of the Sexes" a match which was dedicated to the memory of Mrs Eileen Coleman, a short mat member who recently passed away.

The ladies won three games but succumbed in one game because the skip said he was using controlled weight, in other words he was "firing".

Following the game, refreshments supplied by members were shared and then a quiz followed, prepared by Dave Hall, which brought a lovely afternoon to an end, one which Eileen would have thoroughly enjoyed.

Chard went down 5 games to 3 against Hemycok in the East Devon League last Friday. The previous day 40 members and guests enjoyed a superb Christmas Dinner at Barleymow's Restaurant, Chard.

Also on Thursday in the Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples League the Magpies played the Harlequins and won by 16 shots to 7 shots, thus retaining their lead at the top of the table.

The Hurricanes beat Westway 15-11 whilst East Coker played against the Merriott Canaries.

The game was nip and tuck with East Coker leading all the way until the Canaries came from behind to win by 13-12.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+	-	Pts
Magpies.....	7	6	0	1	116	66	50	12	
Greyhounds.....	6	5	0	1	76	53	23	10	
Hurricanes.....	8	5	0	3	107	99	8	10	
Canaries.....	8	4	0	4	96	103	-7	8	
East Coker.....	8	2	0	6	93	107	-14	4	
Harlequins.....	6	2	0	4	55	89	-34	4	
Westway.....	7	1	0	6	67	93	-26	2	

◆ The club like to publicly thank Bradfords of Ilminster and Martins of Holyrood Street, Chard, for their help and

advice when supplying materials for enhancement of their Short Mat Hall.

ILMINSTER with Des Maull.

CONGRATULATIONS go to Myra Childs, Angie Watkins and Monica Woodland who have been selected to play for Somerset in the Atherley Trophy against Dorset on Sunday at Kings Park Bournemouth.

Congratulations also to Lynn Williams for receiving her County Badge in a recent game with Devon.

A three-rink mixed friendly against Chardstock was played on Sunday, November 27th, Chardstock winning an enjoyable game 67-56.

Home Rinks, Val Dargue, Roy Orme, Colin Osborne and Ian Lightfoot 17 P Compton 21, Hazel Huish, John Pemberton, Gary Riste and Brian Welch 18 M Toms 23, Robin Wines, Anton Reimann, Rita Grout and Royston Grout 21 N Denslow 23.

On November 30th an Ilminster mens triple went down 18 shots to 12 against Weston St Andrews in a National competition.

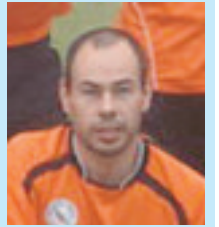
Last Sunday the club's winning run in the mixed Egham Trophy came to an end against Clarrie Dunbar (Frome) by 18 shots

Home Rinks; Dot Whelan, Sue Spurway, Kevin Hamilton and Steve Turner won by 11 shots. June Checketts, Lynn Williams, Brian McCoombe and Mark Denslow won by three Shots.

Away Rinks, Angie Watkins, Penny Stow, Ian Lightfoot and Jason Miles lost by 19 shots and Heather Grinter, Maureen Mitchell, Bill Anderson and Matt Hamilton lost by 13 shots.

◆ **Apologies to the Ilminster Ladies** for not including a presentation at the recent Dinner having won the Fear Plate during the summer, also to Lynn Williams for reaching the semi-final of the Unbadged singles.

ON THE SPOT...



WEEKENDER SPORT puts

Luso-Chard's FC's

LUIS MESQUITA

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you been involved in local football? Who have you played for?

A I have played for Luso-Chard since they were formed back in 2006-07 when the team won promotion from Division Four at the first attempt.

Q Name the best three players you have played alongside?

A Rui Carvalheira, Rui Rodrigues and Wilson.

Q What's the best away ground you've played on?

A South Petherton's Lightgate Lane Ground.

Q Do any games stick in your memory?

A When we beat Chard Rangers 2-0 to win the Bill Bailey Cup at Combe back in 2008-09. Unusually, these days, the Final went to a reply after the first game at Beaminster ended 0-0 and the referee (Lance Turner) decided it was too dark for extra-time.

Q How would you improve things at Luso-Chard FC?

A It would be great, if Luso-Chard could have their own stable pitch, which could be used for training and games. Also more new Portuguese players committed and passionate about football.

Q Name some young players we should look out for in the future?

A Ricardo Silva, Davide Rodrigues and Ricardo Rocha,

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Chard ladies emerge victorious

■ CHARD Bowling Club President Vic Barnard presented Sheila Tinley (Short Mat Captain) with the 'Battle of the Sexes' winner's trophy last Saturday.

The ladies beat the mens team by 47 shots to 37 in a match dedicated to the late Mrs Eilenn Coleman.



Yeovil & District Mixed Tennis

Division 1	Pld	Pts	MARTOCK B.....	6	35	S.PETHERTON B.....	4	21
Sherborne A.....	6	44	Somerton A.....	6	35	Bridport.....	5	20
Yeovil A.....	6	34	Beaminster A.....	5	29	MARTOCK C.....	5	7
ILMINSTER A.....	6	31	Yeovil B.....	6	23			
Melcombe Regis.....	4	26	Wincanton.....	6	20	Division 4	Pld	Pts
CHARD A.....	6	20	CHARD B.....	5	17	Yeovil C.....	5	35
S.PETHERTON A.....	4	17				Sutton Montis.....	5	28
MARTOCK A.....	4	8	Division 3	Pld	Pts	Beaminster B.....	5	23
			MISTERTON A.....	5	35	MISTERTON B.....	4	22
			Weymouth A.....	4	26	Weymouth B.....	4	20
			Somerton B.....	3	21	Somerton C.....	5	12
Division 2	Pld	Pts						
Sherborne B.....	6	41						

Flory: Our best all-round display

CHARD Town manager Nik Flory was glowing with praise after his team's 2-1 win over Almondsbury last weekend writes Howard Larcombe.

Flory said: It was probably the best all round display since I joined the club, due to the two great goals scored from Liam and Dan Cleal.

The Robins played for 35 minutes with 10-men after Andy Martin was shown a straight red card. "Andy was over zealous in a tackle - he's been out injured for a long time and may have been trying too hard for a ball he couldn't reach."

"We then had to defend the slope with a couple of big players missing, but the younger lads showed great character to defend very well and we even looked like might get a third if not for two good saves."

"I don't normally single out individuals for praise as we are a team and every one played their

part in the victory but Liam Cleal was tremendous on Saturday - the best I have seen play him in a Robins shirt."

Tomorrow brings the first of three successive away games for the Robins who will be attempting to bring an end to a poor run of form on the road that has brought six defeats from their last seven games.

"It's always tough on the road but all three games are winnable" said Flory who welcomes back assistant player-manager Adam Fricker and Sam Johnson and has no new injury concerns ahead of the trip to Portishead.

◆ **Squad:** Ryan Peacock, Jamie Barfoot, Adam Fricker, Sam Johnson, Gary Knight, Mark Scott, Nath Warren, Gary Spiller, Dan Cleal, Andy Martin, Jon Hurford, Liam Cleal, Sam Clarke, George Chlopecki.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gillingham Tn.....	17	10	3	4	51	28	33

Calne Town.....	16	10	3	3	28	14	33
Melksham Utd.....	15	9	5	1	37	17	32
Cadbury Heath.....	14	9	4	1	33	14	31
Keynsham Tn.....	18	7	7	4	28	23	28
Roman Glass.....	19	8	4	7	27	28	28
CHARD TOWN.....	18	8	3	7	31	28	27
Elmore.....	14	8	2	4	28	13	26

SOMERSET LEAGUE

PREMIER/DIVISION ONE CUP

ILMINSTER Town are another of the local sides currently experiencing some indifferent form.

Back-to-back 1-0 defeats have seen the Blues slip to ninth place in Somerset League Division One.

On paper, a run of just one win in five should be improved to tomorrow with the visit of bottom-of-the-table Congresbury tomorrow - but player-manager Darren Manley is certain to be wary, he said: "We've been a little unlucky in recent weeks - we've been punished for every defensive mistake and are just going through a spell of being unable to put the ball in the net at the other

end."

Manley confirmed to **WEEKENDER SPORT** that he was hopeful of signing a new striker in time for tomorrow's game.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Larkhall Res.....	15	9	1	5	30	25	28
Weston St J.....	14	8	1	5	42	30	25
Clutton.....	12	8	1	3	24	15	25
Cleeve West.....	16	7	2	7	29	24	23
Frome Colleg.....	12	7	1	4	25	19	22
Winscombe.....	15	6	4	5	26	36	22
Burnham Utd.....	13	6	3	4	34	25	21
Brislington.....	13	6	3	4	28	22	21
ILMINSTER.....	13	6	3	4	23	22	21

DIVISION TWO (WEST)

TWO goals in extrastime saw Combe St Nicholas crash out of the Somerset Senior Cup after a 3-1 home defeat by Peasedown Athletic.

The Saints switch their attention back to their promotion campaign and a trip to Banwell tomorrow.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COMBE St NIC.....	12	8	1	3	28	16	25
Churchill Club.....	11	7	3	1	31	13	18
Wington Red.....	12	7	2	3	34	14	23

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO

TWO Greg Channing goals earned Chard Town Reserves a 2-0 win from their trip to Sidmouth Town Reserves last weekend.

The three points earned saw the Robins close the gap on the leading two, Tiverton Town Reserves and Westex Rovers who both had their fixtures postponed.

Tomorrow the Chard second-string entertain lowly Upplowman - another win will take Darren Stewart's side back up to second spot in the D&E Division Two table.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tiverton Res.....	10	9	1	0	39	10	28
Westex Rovers.....	12	7	2	3	27	15	23
CHARD RES.....	11	6	4	1	22	12	22
Halwill.....	11	6	1	4	30	26	19



■ POISED: Chard 1st XV's Chris Doak (above) kicks for touch and (below) Jim Wagstaff claims a line-out throw in Saturday's stormy 24-7 win over promotion rivals Matson. Photos by KEITH RENDELL



Return of mini skittles league

AFTER a successful first season North Perrott Cricket Club's mini skittles league is to return this winter. It is open to teams of four – male, female or mixed – and will run from January to March. Entry forms can be obtained from Claire Burns on 07989 426736 and must be in by Saturday, December 17th.

Badminton boost

THE Crewkerne FourTwo badminton team consisting of Chris Ireland, Francis Chudley, Dave Clarke, Mark Newberry, Helen Taylor and Natalie Bailey put on an impressive display last Friday evening and were rewarded with a fine victory. The team play which competes in the Tony Pryce West Dorset – FourTwo Badminton League, defeated Bishops Caundle 16–4. The Crewkerne team has now moved up to second place in the league table just four points behind the current leaders Prestonians and are looking forward to their next match against Yeovil Graduates. The Crewkerne Hermitage club which meets and plays both social, and league badminton on a Friday evening (8 –10pm at Crewkerne Sports Centre) welcomes players of all ages and abilities. Each session costs £5 per adult or £3 per child (the first night is free) – just turn up on the night!

SCRUM-DOWNRUGBY round-up

Chard reap the benefit of Matson indiscipline

ALTHOUGH last Saturday brought a full round of local league fixtures take place, CREWKERNE were without a game as, with there being an odd number of sides in the Somerset League Division Two (South), it was their turn to have a blank date. I made my way to CHARD, being interested to see just how the home side would fare against the very useful MATSON side in what would be heavy underfoot conditions.

CHARD 24 MATSON 7
CHARD were not quite at full strength for this important league encounter, as Ben Stead, one of their back three, was on a brake. Conditions underfoot certainly tended to the soft as the home side kicked off with the advantage of the very slight slope. While the visitors did enjoy the bulk of the early possession, Chard would have taken comfort from the fact that their eight "had the shove" at the first set scrum, and that their maul from the lineout was also working well. In fact they got over the Matson line following this discipline but were adjudged not to have grounded the ball. From the ensuing five metre scrummage however, flanker Hellier picked up and burrowed his way over 15 yards in from touch. An excellent kick from Nicholls goalled the try and Chard led 7-0. Home confidence received a further boost subsequently when, from a line-out on their own twenty two, they drove the maul 35 yards upfield before releasing.

Having found their opponents' weakness they increased their lead a few minutes later when, having won a penalty in midfield, they kicked to the corner, set up the maul and open side flanker Carter barged over. Nicholls, having converted from his wrong side, was wide with what should have been a more straightforward conversion but nevertheless Chard were good value for their lead. It did appear that after 20 minutes that, although Matson were a useful side with a very good kicking game, it was the home side that looked the more dangerous consistently when in possession. The half hour mark came and went and I was thinking that Chard really needed another score while they were on top, when they got one. Having won a penalty close to the visitors' line and with the traditionalists baying for three points, they opted for the scrum, drove forward and Wagstaff picked up and dived over close to the posts. The try was goalled only for Matson to go upfield and create a chance of their

own, winning a penalty 25 yards out and in front. They too spurned the three points and kicked to the corner. They did win the ensuing lineout, but Chard defended well and eventually turned over possession and kicked clear as the half time whistle sounded. Matson had been conceding too many penalties just before the break and this trend continued into the second half. They were getting at odds with the referee too, and I felt that one or two things were happening "off the ball" so to speak. Chard prospered as a consequence and spent much of the third quarter in their opponents' territory. They got the bonus point try within 15 minutes of the restart when, from a scrum on the Matson twenty two they sent the ball left and, after a sleight of hand in their midfield, Massey steamed over out wide for the try that remained unconverted.

The home side got a little over-expansive on the hour and, threw a rather incautious pass in the Matson twenty two. The interception came and one of the visitors' midfield ran well over 80 metres before being hauled down. At this point a very considerable melee took place and, after the dust had settled, home winger Boyd, together with a visiting lock, were given their marching orders. Matson therefore, who already had a player in the bin, were now reduced to 13 men and Chard began to ring the changes. The visitors, who had never given up, took their opportunity and set up some pressure that culminated in a diagonal punt finding their winger in space, (off-side?) and he touched down halfway out. The try was converted and, although the final few minutes were fairly nondescript, Chard held on with some comfort. Chard will be pleased with their performance against what were pretty useful opponents. Matson had a good lineout and a good kicking game, but gave away too many penalties and, with one man sent-off and another being sin-binned, never showed too much as an attacking force, doing much of their work behind the gain line. The home side, apart from being on top at both scrum and maul, kicked well, followed well, often catching their opponents in possession, and were generally well deserving of their competent and efficient win. Tin hats may well be considered essential wear for the return fixture!

BRIDGWATER & ALBION 3rd 5 CHARD 2nd 29
CHARD came out on top after what was a pretty scrappy game at Bridgwater, notching a bonus point in the process. In all they scored five tries through hooker Ben Robinson, prop Matthew Bowditch, winger Terry Chard, John Smith the other winger, and flanker Chris King. Skipper Brett Hoare converted two of them to take his side well clear by the whistle for no side.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES: North Bristol v Chard; Chard 2nd v Taunton 3rd; Crewkerne v Wiveliscombe 2nd.

NORTH PETHERTON 3rd 7 CHARD 3rd 29
AFTER a scoreless first period the visitors stretched away in the second half, scoring three tries, while conceding just the one. Their touchdowns came from Clive Adams, James Herbert and Paul Goodridge-Reynolds, while skipper Adams converted one and kicked four penalty goals to complete the scoring.

PREVIEW
AFTER what was a good all round performance on Saturday last, CHARD will have no time for complacency. They have to reproduce the same level of intensity when they travel to NORTH BRISTOL on Saturday next. Their next opponents, while possibly not being as abrasive as their last ones, will certainly prove to be quite a handful on their own paddock. Glancing at he season's results so far, I see that the Bristol side lost by some ten points at Old Centralians, while Chard went down by just seven. It could be argued that Chard's reversal there came early in the season when they were still feeling their way in the Western Counties division, and this might in fact be the case. The outcome of this one will most certainly be close, although I do back Chard to edge it. CREWKERNE, after their free week in the league, have a home game against WIVELISCOMBE 2nd, a side who have blown a little hot and cold so far this season, and lie below the Henhayes brigade in the division's mid table. Crewkerne, if they can put their recent hiccup in the league behind them, should be well capable of winning this one. As to the second sides, promotion candidates Chard seconds should certainly have too much for visitors Taunton thirds who lie near the bottom of the Somerset league Division Two (South), while Chard thirds are without a fixture.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES: North Bristol v Chard; Chard 2nd v Taunton 3rd; Crewkerne v Wiveliscombe 2nd.

with Keith Jenkin

TRIBUTE WEST N	Pd	Pts	
CHARD	12	53	
Old Centralians	12	52	
Hornets	12	42	
North Bristol	12	38	
Matson	12	38	
Barton Hill	12	36	
Burnham-on-Sea	12	35	
Keynsham	12	28	
Bristol Harlequins	12	27	
Cirencester	12	18	
Whitehall	12	17	
Yatton	12	16	
Stroud	12	10	
Gordon League	12	3	
TRIBUTE SOM 2 (Sth)	Pd	Pts	
N.Petherton II	11	52	
CHARD II	11	50	
Cheddar Valley	11	47	
CREWKERNE	11	41	
Minehead Barbar II	11	30	
Wiveliscombe II	11	25*	
Ivel Barbarians II	11	21	
Bridgwater & Alb III	11	18	
Somerton	11	17	
Taunton III	11	15	
Tor II	11	14*	
Morganians	12	14	
Martock	11	5	
(* adjusted)			
TRIBUTE SOM 3 (Sth)	Pd	Pts	
Burnham-on-Sea II	7	31	
Wyvern	7	27	
CHARD III	6	23	
Wells III	6	18	
Tor III	6	14	
North Petherton III	6	10	
Castle Cary II	6	9	
Minehead Barbar III	6	8	
Wellington III	6	-5*	
(* adjusted)			

skittlesresults

Crewkerne League

PRESIDENT'S CUP - Semi-finals: Lost Boys beat Royal Oak Drimpton by 21 pins. Perrott Monkeys beat Super Sexy Six by 9 pins (Final to be played on Friday, March 9th at a neutral alley to be announced.)

Ilminster League

WEEK 11 - ROUND-UP		
NOMINATION CUP		
<i>Group A results;</i>		
Donyatt BC 241-9	33, T.Jenkins 21)	Royals
(K.Kneeshaw 48, J.Foster 18)	239-12 (P.Grabham 44, K.Muckersie and D.Priddle 21), Ashill Inn 284-9	
Wyndham Clangers 203-3	(C.Male 50, V.Woodland 23)Bell A 256-3 (A.Lee 47, N.Maidment 15).	
(N.Cherry 33, N.Phillips 14), Nomads 287-10		
(K.Crouch 47, C.Miller 30) Hatch Beagles 268-2		
(P.Marks 41, A.Stone and P.Watts 30), Hatcvh Eggs 201-1		
(G.Knight 45, R.Coates 11) Royal Oak Faces 258-11		
(N.Jenkins 44, D.Whaites and A.Male 19).		
<i>Group B results;</i>		
Carnival Clingons 419-12		
(M.Newbury 68, A.Berry 40) Ashill Boys 261-10		
(B.Smart 43, G.Keith 21), King's Head 231-1		
(C.Barrett 38, J.Booth 22) Cricketers 269-11		
(M.Vickery 46, G.White 22), Bell & Crown 215-0		
(J.Edmonds		
Division A	Pld	Pts
Royal Oak Faces	4	40
Nomads	3	25
Donyatt BC	3	22
Rockey's Rollers	2	20
Hatch Beagles	3	17
Wyndham Arms	2	12
Hatch Eggs	3	4
Wyndham Clangers	4	4
Division B	Pld	Pts
Cricketers	4	35
Bell A	4	28
Bell & Crown	4	27
Flying Turkeys	3	26
Carnival Clingons	3	24
Ashill Inn	3	19
The Royals	4	17
Ashill Boys	4	15
Kingshead	3	2

BobBuckler racing news

WHILST **The Sawyer** once again showed his class in finishing fifth in the Betfred Grand Sefton Handicap Chase over the National course at Aintree on Saturday, it was two of local trainer Bob Buckler's young horses that took the plaudits **WRITES STUART BROOM.**

Champagne Rosie produced an excellent performance in finishing fourth to odds-on favourite Swincombe Flame in the British Stallion Studs Supporting British Racing E.B.F. 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle qualifier at Exeter. She unleashed Andrew Glassonbury at the first fence in her last race having been too anxious before the start, but despite a slight falter at the first she went on to jumped superbly. She did veer to the right two hurdles from home that cost her a few lengths, but she ran on well to finish close. "What a super race. She was too buzzy before her last race, but we hopefully have sorted that out and apart from a slight hesitancy at the start she ran a super race. She jumped well and ean on nicely and I was very pleased with her." Buckler was also pleased with **The Happy Warrior's** race in finishing fifth in the British Stallion Studs Supporting British Racing E.B.F. 'Junior' Standard Open NH Flat Race on the same card. "He's still very green but ran very well considering he is a chaser in a bumper race. He didn't run the last bend very well but he is a big horse and struggled a bit to negotiate it, but he ran on well and we have high hopes for him and will take it steady with his education."

BLUES U12S BLOSSOMING

ILMINSTER girls U12s football team won their first home game in their new kit sponsored by 'Cottage flowers' of Ilminster. The girls gathered outside Cottage flowers on Saturday for a team photo before going on to win 3-0 against Wembdon youth. Hannah Farmer scored the first goal for the team and Daisy Charles added two more against the team currently lying second in the league Wembdon.



STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE
reporting on the
Perry Street League



Misterton Res and Perry Street hit for 10

PREMIER

BEAMINSTER 2 FARWAY UNITED 1

BEAMINSTER almost paid the penalty for failing to convert a host of chances as visitors Farway United went close to snatching a point with a late onslaught.

The Rainbows took a 1-0 lead into the interval after Ben Ward crossed for Dan Tolman to head home.

Midfielder Dave Penn doubled the lead on the hour with a composed right foot finish, but Andy Dymond pulled one back for Farway to set up an anxious last 15 minutes.

CREWKERNE TOWN 1 WINSHAM UNITED 2

TWO goals from Joe Simmons keeps Winsham United in second place in the table after an impressive win at Henhayes.

The towering Simmons gave the visitors a slender interval lead but Ben Laver netted an equaliser for the Tigers midway through the second-half only for Simmons to strike again to end Crewkerne's 15-month unbeaten home league record.

ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES 2 COMBE RESERVES 1

ILMINSTER Reserves extended their unbeaten home record with a gritty 2-1 win over Combe Reserves who have now won just once in their last seven outings and look set for another difficult season.

Mike Whitefield and Craig Rice netted for the Ilminster - Sam Johnson scored a 90th minute consolation for the Saints.

LYME REGIS 10 PERRY STREET 1

LYME Regis' seeming inexorable march to a sixth Premier Division title continued with a 10-1 thrashing of bottom-of-the-table Perry Street.

The match was a personal triumph for Adam Caddy who became only the fourth Lyme player to score six or more goals in a single game for the first team (Ellis Hoole, Graham Vere and Pat Rice are the others).

Joe Bond also weighed-in with a hat-trick for Lyme who led 8-1 at the interval with Kyran Bailey striking a superb first-time shot for Perry Street's consolation.

The day was soured 10 minutes from time when Seaside's French striker Julien Simier broke his collarbone under an innocuous challenge from Andrew Board.

◆ *Perry Street look set to be without the services of Kris Groves for some time.*

The striker, who scored 43 goals in the club's Reserve team's successful Division Two promotion campaign in 2008-09, is even considering retirement from the game completely after dislocating his kneecap and damaging ligaments last month.

SOUTH PETHERTON 5 W & M CHINNOCK 1

A HAT-TRICK from Paul Dexter helped South Petherton continue their return to form with 5-1 win over West & Middle Chinnock at Lightgate Lane.

Rich Hebditch and Adam Bourne also scored for Pethy who led 3-0 at the break with Damian Hart replying from the penalty spot after a push on Phil Hooper.

DIVISION ONE

GOALS from Tom Melhuish, Craig Salter and Andy Stevenson have lifted Forton Rangers to top-spot in Division One after a 3-2 win over Netherbury.

At the other end of the table promising teenager Taylor Jefferson struck twice as Ilminster Colts finally ended their 15-game losing run with a 5-1 win over fellow strugglers Norton Athletic.

Ricky Smith also scored twice, both from the penalty spot as Misterton continued their climb up the table with a 3-2 win over Barrington.

DIVISION TWO

SOUTH Petherton Reserves were toppled off the top spot as they tasted defeat for the first time

this season. Pethy, despite Lee Caines netting a double, went down 5-3 at Dowlish & Donyatt where Gavin Babb and Andy North both also scored twice.

Pethy's loss was Crewkerne Town Reserves' gain. The Tigers returned to the top of the table courtesy of goals from Aaron Sweet, Aaron Hodges and George Miles in a 3-1 win at Charmouth.

Meanwhile, a 10-1 hammering at Pymore was Misterton Reserves first double figure defeat for almost seven years to the day.

At Uplyme Thorncombe striker Stuart Packer drew a blank for the first time in seven games as the Thorns went down 3-0.

Elsewhere, a Tom Broome goal earned Crewkerne Rangers all three points in a 1-0 win at crisis-club Hinton.

DIVISION THREE

THE big promotion clash at Netherbury ended in defeat for Chard United who were beaten 3-0 by Waytown Hounds.

Spare a thought for Adam Chant who scored a hat-trick for Drimpton but still ended on the losing side as they were beaten 5-4 by bottom side Combe A.

Will Jacobs scored twice for the Saints whose Ross Bicknell scored from the penalty spot for the fourth game in a row as the team won for the first time this season.

Igor Costa and Rui Mestrinho were on target as Luso-Chard extended their unbeaten run to five matches with a 2-1 win over Hawkchurch.

Ben Pitman and Richard White scored the goals as Shepton Beauchamp Reserves and Winsham United Reserves drew 1-1 at Shelway Lane.

James Melhuish was on target but Forton Rangers had a day to forget as they suffered their biggest defeat in a year as they went down 9-2 at Millwey Rise Reserves.

DIVISION FOUR

COMBE B's promotion hopes took a blow as they were well beaten 4-0 by Lyme Regis Bantams at Slades Cross. League top-scorer Pete Peacock scored twice to take his tally to 25.

There was some sad news from East Devon where Hawkchurch Reserves clash with neighbours Uplyme ended after 25 minutes when-Hawks' youngster Ben Brasier suffered a dislocated knee-cap.

PREVIEW

ARTHUR GAGE CUP - ROUND ONE

WITH four triumphs in the competition Shepton Beauchamp have arguably as good a record in the Arthur Gage Cup as any other club. And, with a favourable draw panning out ahead of them, few would bet against Aggy Smith's boys from clocking up another cup Final appearance this season.

Nick Govier's Perry Street Reserves, runners-up in 2009-10, may have something to say about that when the two meet at Tatworth tomorrow.

Barrington should also progress to the quarters - The Yellow Hammers take on Norton tomorrow.

TOMMY TABBERER CUP - ROUND ONE

WITH ties against clearly struggling opponents both South Petherton Reserves and Crewkerne Town Reserves look all set for a quarter-final clash at Lightgate Lane.

Pethy entertain Misterton Reserves tomorrow whilst Crewkerne make the short trip to Hinton.

There's a much tighter looking tie on the cards at Jocelyn Park where Chard Rangers, Chard Hospital Cup aside, are unbeaten this season. Rangers' record could come under threat from Dowlish & Donyatt tomorrow.

LEAGUE GAMES

WITH Lyme Regis on Dorset County cup duty Winsham United have the opportunity to close the gap on the runaway leaders.

Standing in the Winsh's way are third placed

West & Middle Chinnock



■ **IMPROVING:** AFTER a tough start to their second season in the Premier Division West & Middle Chinnock have lost just once in four matches. Line-up, standing, from left; Phil Hooper, Damon Hart, Ollie Hutchings, Matt Alford, Ashley Lock, Chris Langdon, Neil Cochran. Front; Nick Bond, Damian Hart, Dean White, Mark Nelms, Russell Lock.

Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

Beaminsters who, with victory at Baker's Field tomorrow, could leapfrog their hosts back up into second position.

South Petherton can also make further progress back up the table - but a trip to Eastlee Park is never an easy proposition. The weather could yet cause a problem down in East Devon too!

Game of the day could be at Slades Cross where Combe Reserves, with just one win in eight, entertain West & Middle Chinnock who have rekindled hopes of prolonging their stay in the top division after a series of decent displays.

Elsewhere there's the small matter of the derby game at Henhayes where Crewkerne Town entertain Merriott Rovers.

In Division One, leaders Forton Rangers must win at in-form Misterton to cling onto top spot unless unpredictable Lyme Regis Reserves do them a favour and manage to de-rail the seemingly unstoppable Millwey Rise machine at Harry's Field.

If Thorncombe are to mount a second-half of the season Division Two promotion push it must start with victory over Charmouth at Horseshoe Lane tomorrow.

Crewkerne Rangers, boosted by back-to-back victories, could clamber away from the drop zone with a win over Pymore tomorrow. But with the prolific Tim Hussey back amongst the Dorset team's ranks they have posed more of a threat in the last month.

Game of the day in Division Three is at Oxleaze where top-of-the-table Chard United, still smarting from seeing their unbeaten league record chewed up by the Waytown Hounds last time out, take on freescoring hosts West & Middle Chinnock Reserves.

There's a potential relegation six-pointer at Drimpton where Hawkchurch United are the visitors. Expect goals, Hawkchurch are never shy of an open game - and there have been 33 goals in Drimpton's last three league matches!

John Fowler Cup-finalists Luso-Chard have discovered some useful mid-season form and will look to extend this with three points from their trip to Slades Cross to take on Combe A.

In Division Four leaders Chard United Res-

serves entertain Thorncombe Reserves who have, on paper the miserliest defence in the entire League.

Title favourites Ilminster A could also be tested in the local derby with Barrington Reserves.

Finally something looks sure to give as Hawkchurch Reserves and Chard Rangers Reserves, the two bottom teams in the league, will both be going all-out to record their first win of the season.

FIXTURES, December 10th

All 2pm unless stated

DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP QF

Ferndown Town Greenfields v Lyme Regis (1.30pm)

ARTHER GAGE CUP R1

Barrington v Norton Athletic
Beaminsters Reserves v Netherbury
Perry Street Reserves v Shepton Beauchamp

TOMMY TABBERER R1

Chard Rangers v Dowlish & Donyatt
Hinton v Crewkerne Town Reserves
South Petherton Res v Misterton Reserves

PREMIER

Combe Reserves v West & Middle Chinnock
Crewkerne Town v Merriott Rovers
Farway United v South Petherton

Winsham United v Beaminsters

DIVISION ONE

Millwey Rise v Lyme Regis Reserves
Misterton v Forton Rangers

DIVISION TWO

Crewkerne Rangers v Pymore
Thorncombe v Charmouth

DIVISION THREE

Combe A v Luso-Chard
Drimpton v Hawkchurch United
Forton Rangers Res v Shepton Beauchamp Res
Waytown Hounds v Winsham Utd Reserves

West & Middle Chinnock Res v Chard United

DIVISION FOUR

Chard United Res v Thorncombe Reserves
Crewkerne Rangers Reserves v Combe B
Hawkchurch Utd Res v Chard Rangers Reserves
Ilminster Town A v Barrington Reserves
Uplyme Reserves v Farway United Reserves

AS THEY STAND

PREMIER P W D L F A Pts

Lyme Regis	9	9	0	0	45	11	27
Winsham Utd	10	7	1	2	28	20	22
Beaminsters	9	6	2	1	23	8	20
Ilminster Res	9	6	2	1	20	12	20
Crewkerne Town	7	3	2	2	23	11	11
South Petherton	8	3	2	3	21	16	11
Combe Reserves	9	2	3	4	13	22	9
Merriott Rovers	9	2	2	5	8	26	8
Farway United	10	2	1	7	20	27	7
W & M Chinnock	9	1	2	6	12	30	5
Perry Street	11	0	1	10	16	46	1

DIV ONE P W D L F A Pts

Forton Rangers	10	7	1	2	32	18	22
Millwey Rise	7	7	0	0	32	8	21
Shepton Beau	9	6	3	0	24	10	21
Misterton	9	5	2	2	20	17	17
Netherbury	10	5	1	4	30	20	16
Lyme Regis Res	8	4	1	3	13	17	13
Beaminsters Res	9	3	1	5	19	21	10
Perry Street Res	9	2	2	5	14	25	8
Barrington	10	2	1	7	19	24	7
Norton Athletic	10	2	0	8	15	37	6
Ilminster Colts	9	1	0	8	12	33	3

DIV TWO P W D L F A Pts

S.Petherton Res	9	6	2	1	32	17	20
Crewkerne Res	9	7	1	1	30	12	22
Uplyme	11	5	4	2	43	22	19
Dowlish & Don	11	5	4	2	31	15	19
Pymore	11	6	0	5	41	25	18
Chard Rangers	9	5	3	1	23	17	18
Thorncombe	9	4	2	3	25	24	14
Crewk Rangers	9	2	1	6	19	26	7
Charmouth	9	2	1	6	17	33	7
Misterton Res	9	1	2	6	13	41	5
Hinton	10	0	0	10	9	51	-1*

DIV THREE P W D L F A Pts

Chard United	10	7	2	1	26	16	23
Waytown Hnds	8	6	2	0	28	10	20
W&M Chinn Res	8	6	0	2	41	26	18
Millwey Res	10	4	3	3	34	27	15
Luso-Chard	10	4	1	5	25	23	13
Winsham Res	8	3	2	3	23	11	11
Shepton Res	9	2	2	5	16	19	8
Hawkchurch Utd	9	2	2	5	22	26	8
Combe A	7	1	3	3	17	24	4
Drimpton	9	1	3	5	26	43	6
Forton Reserves	8	1	2	5	14	35	5

DIV FOUR P W D L F A Pts

Chard Utd Res	12	7	3	2	29	19	24
Ilminster Town A	9	7	0	2	38	13	21
Lyme Bantams	10	6	0	4	39	21	18
Combe B	9	5	2	2	28	10	17
Barrington Res	9	5	2	2	34	18	17
Farway Utd Res	8	4	1	2	25	15	15
Thorncombe Res	6	4	1	1	15	5	13
Crewk Rang Res	9	4	0	5	32	32	12
Uplyme Res	10	2	1	7	16	61	7
Hawkchurch Res	9	0	1	8	18	44	1
Chard Rang Res	11	0	1	10	15	48	1

leading scorers

Premier: R.Hebditch (S.Petherton) 20, Ad Caddy (Lyme Regis) 15, J.Bond (Lyme Regis) 14.
Division One: S.Dibling (Millwey Rise) 24, T.Emmett (Millwey Rise) 20, S.Murley (Shepton Beau) 18.

Division Two: S.Packer (Thorncombe) 17, L.Mears (Dowlish & Donyatt), G.Fowler (Uplyme) 12.
Division Three: T.Menalidino (Waytown Hounds) 21, I.Costa (Luso), 13, L.Hoole (Millwey Rise Res), A.Cooper (W & M Chinnock Res) 12.
Division Four: P.Peacock (Lyme Bantams) 25, J.Lovatt (Crewk Rang Res), G.Jenkins (Ilminster A) 9, J.Park, P.Bennett (both Barrington Res) 7.



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